Upgradation Project of Karnataka Government

2596. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approved any proposal of Karnataka Government on improvement/upgradation project in view of the Maha Masthakabhisheka scheduled for February, 2006;

(b) the action that has been taken to commence the said work to complete it before January, 2006; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two road works for improvement of Hirisave-Shravanabelagola-Channarayapatna road covering a length of 12 km costing Rs. 4.98 crore have been approved under Central Road Fund Scheme in view of the Maha Masthakabhisheka. Tenders have been invited and these works are scheduled to be completed by January, 2006.

Expressway Around Delhi

2597. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to build an expressway around Delhi so as to ensure that trucks and buses coming from Haryana and other Western States bound for Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and beyond and vice versa, do not have to pass through Delhi, has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating expenditure required to be borne on the project and the extent to which that would be shared by Centre and the concerned States; and

(c) by when the work on the project is likely to commence and the likely date on which the expressway would become operational?